

TA Update, December 26, 2023

1. Widows Walk golf course is now closed for the season. Dog walking will begin starting on December 24th. We are once again looking forward to sharing our beautiful course with the local residents of Scituate for walking, sledding and other winter activities. We ask that you please have your dogs on a leash at all times, avoid walking over any greens or sand traps and most importantly, pick up after your dog. Have a great winter and we hope you and your dogs enjoy "The Walk."

The Drift In remains open for lunch and dinner Mon- Friday 11 AM – 9 PM and Saturday & Sunday 10 AM – 9 PM. Now serving breakfast on Saturday & Sunday!

Beginning December 24th, The Drift In will be open Wed – Sunday and will serve soups and breakfast on the weekends in addition to their delicious lunch and dinner menu. Hours will be 11 AM – 8 PM.

2. Transfer Station hours this week: Normal hours at the Transfer Station this week. The Transfer Station will be closed Monday, January 1, 2024 so please plan accordingly.
3. The Water Department Office has relocated to their usual location in the building at the treatment plant location. Repairs have been completed and staff returned at the end of last week. If you have business with the water department, please go see them at their usual office site. Thanks to Kevin Kelly and the facilities staff for their work in getting the office repaired.
4. The 2024 Annual Town Census has been mailed out to residents. Please read both sides carefully, sign and return it as soon as possible. Returning the census assures voters will remain on the active voter list.

You may not use the census form to add voters to your household or make any changes to existing voters. To make a change to your voter registration (address, name, party, etc.), you may do so in person at the Town Clerk's office or online at registertovotema.com. If a voter has moved within Massachusetts they can register in their new community or online and will be taken out of Scituate. If the voter has moved out of state this office will need a signed note from the voter to be removed from the voter list.

Please call Town Clerk's Office if you have any questions. 781-545-8743

5. Scituate Sister Cities will be hosting their annual 2024 Sister City Film Festival at the Reel Harbor Theater on January 11, 24, February 1 and March 5.
Sucy-en-Brie will be presenting *Cyrano de Bergerac* on January 11 at 7pm and *Chocolat* on January 24 at 1 pm.
Cape Verde Santa Catarina do Fogo will present *The Volcano's Last Wish* on February 1 at 7pm.
Ireland West Cork will present *My Left Foot* on March 5 at 7pm.

Suggested donation is \$10.

6. Lighthouse renovations: ***The lantern room is back on top of the lighthouse and the ball and spindle are back on top of the lantern room!***

- Existing Granite Tower Section – The injection grouting of the existing granite tower section was complete as of today.
 - Existing Brick Tower Section – The injection grouting of the existing brick tower section has suffered a delay due to coordination issues with the mason. We expect this work to begin this week. This portion of the work involves injecting grout into the existing brick work. The Scaffolding has been “wrapped in blankets” as this grouting process needs the exterior to be warmed as opposed to the interior for the granite portion.
 - Newly Placed Brick Tower Section – This injection grouting of this section will occur after the Existing Brick Section is complete. Each section going up has to follow the previous sections. Once this last section is grouted, the external and internal bracing can be removed.
 - Staging Removal – I would expect the staging removal to occur after the first of the year.
 - Lantern Room Enclosure – The lantern room copper is nearly complete, and the glass panels were installed today. There is one opening left to complete which will incorporate an access panel to the exterior balcony.
 - Lantern Room Interior Flooring and Framing – This work began today, and we expect to be complete the end of next week.
 - Balcony Railings – We expect the railings to be installed later this week.
7. We continue working on the installation of the water line and services on CJCH. The contractor has crossed the bridge and is progressing up the hill. This will continue for the next couple of weeks. This week the contractor should be working on Wednesday and Thursday due to MassDot restrictions of working around holidays.
 8. As part of our on-going I&I work, we are working on Egypt Beach Road. We will be replacing a sewer line in that area, but first we are relocating an existing water line. The Water and Sewer departments will have a contractor working in that area for the next several weeks. The trench will be patched for the winter, with permanent repairs being made in the spring.
 9. The Town has added a link to the Town web site for information on the proposed Cushing and Hatherly MSBA project. Residents seeking information about the proposal for a new elementary school here in Scituate can go to scituatema.gov and you will see the red banner with the link. Click and it will take you the link for the school page with information about the project.
 10. The Scituate Food Pantry continues to see an increase in clients seeking assistance. The Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The pantry has a new list of most needed items as they are unable to get these items from the Greater Boston Food Bank.

White Tuna	Mixed Vegetables (Canned)
Beef Soups	Sloppy Joe
Jell-O and Pudding	Green and Herbal Tea
Regular Ground Coffee	

Items can be dropped off at the Pantry during operating hours or in the bins behind the Old Gates School. The Scituate Library, Village Market and Shaw’s also collect items for the Pantry.

11. Meetings

Wednesday-BOH